

Appl. No. 10/074,682
Amdt. dated October 1, 2003
Reply to Office Action of April 3, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action, claims 11-18 and 21-26 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,994,840 to Forsdyke in view of US Patent No. 5,705,860 to Ninh for the reasons stated in the Office Action.

Claims 19 and 27 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,994,840 to Forsdyke in view of US Patent No. 5,705,860 to Ninh, further in view of US Patent No. 6,067,188 to Zieba on the grounds set forth in the Office Action.

Claims 20 and 28 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as unpatentable over US Patent No. 5,994,840 to Forsdyke in view of US Patent No. 5,705,860 to Ninh, further in view of US Patent No. 6,323,592 to Takahashi for the reasons stated in the Office Action.

The Examiner cites a combination of Forsdyke and Ninh against present claims 11-18 and 21-26.

Forsdyke discloses a light source which is able to be dimmed but fails to show a display. Furthermore Forsdyke teaches to use an electrochromic material 20 within two light transmissive electrically materials 21,22 (col. 2, lines 8-11). So it is not clear to use such electrochromic material to the use of covering electromagnetic fields since it is not shown in Forsdyke that this material is able for that use since for the steering of the light transmission of the electrochromic layer there are required

two additional electrically electrically conductive materials 21,22. If the electrochromic layer itself would conduct electricity the two additional layers 21,22 would not be required for the steering of the electrochromic layer. So Forsdyke does not teach that the electrochromic material Polyaniline is electrically conductive and therefore nothing that this material can be used for magnetic shielding so that the person skilled in the art would not consider Forsdyke when having the problem of the present invention.

Ninh et al disclose to shield a display unit 10. Ninh does not disclose expressis verbis to shield the display screen 11. Ninh discloses very broadly to shield the inner side of the display unit 10 by a shielding coating 13 which is not translucent since it can consist of a metal foil or tape (col. 5, lines 58-64). Ninh furthermore discloses connection of a card guide 15 and circuit boards 18, 19 electrically to connectors 28. No need is present consider about a translucent electrical conductive material. Ninh on the contrary describes that the preferred conductive coating of his invention is copper conducting paint (col. 6, lines 19-22) which is not translucent and since nothing is told about any electrical conductive shield of the display screen 11 the person skilled in the art would use this paint to cover the side of the display screen which is directed to the chassis 12 and would not consider to use any translucent electrical conductive material.

The Examiner has combined Ninh with Forsdyke to provide a teaching of the connectors, not taught by Forsdyke (Office Action, page 3, line 6). In the present invention, the connectors (present specification, top of page 10) make contact with the layers of material which are to be discharged. The Ninh connectors 28 (col. 7, line 22) make contact with chassis and

circuit board. Therefore a combination of these two references fails to suggest the present invention. Upon including the teachings of the other cited art, there is still no suggestion of the present invention.

So claims 11-18 and 21-26 are not taught or suggested by a combination of Forsdyke and Ninh. Since the remaining claims are dependent on claim 11 respectively claim 21 they should be allowable, too.

In the event there are further issues remaining the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone attorney to reach agreement to expedite issuance of this application.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Enclosed is a Deposit account authorization for 1 extra independent claim in excess of three independent claims.

Since the present claims set forth the present invention patentably and distinctly, and are not taught by the cited art either taken alone or in combination, this amendment is believed to place this case in condition for allowance and the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the matter, enter this amendment, and to allow all of the claims in this case.

Respectfully submitted
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I hereby certify that the accompanying Amendment is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on October 1, 2003.
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